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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, RO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. WHITE HOUSE GUEST LIST. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A GUEST LIST FOR CEAUSESCU'S WHITE HOUSE DINNER AND THINK WE HAVE COVERED FAIRLY WELL THE CONGRESS, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR AMBASSADOR AGGREY WISH TO SUGGEST PERSONS FROM OTHER AREAS (OR THOSE YOU BELIEVE WE MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF FROM ANY AREA) PLEASE LET US KNOW BY RETURN CABLE. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT A LIST BY COB FRIDAY. WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING ON GUEST LISTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S LUNCH AND POSSIBLE SOCIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE FOR MRS. CEAUSESCU AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS, AT A SOMEWHAT MORE LEISURELY PACE, FOR THOSE.

2. NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION VISIT. ACCORDING TO  
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GOVERNOR MILLIKEN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOHN VINCENT, THE GROUP IS UNABLE TO SCHEDULE A VISIT FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF ELECTION-YEAR POLITICAL ACTIVITY. VINCENT SAID MILLIKEN INTENDS TO SEND AN INTERIM REPLY INTENDED TO KEEP INVITATION OPEN FOR LATER DATE. WE SHOULD BOTH RECEIVE COPIES. VINCENT HIMSELF FEELS A VISIT TO ROMANIA BEFORE NOVEMBER IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

3. EXTENSION OF PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH INTS ABOUT EMIGRATION, MIRCEA RACEANU SAID HE COULD SEE NO MAJOR OBSTACLE TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT THAT THE GOR WOULD EXTEND VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS IF THESE THREATEN TO EXPIRE BEFORE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR EMIGRANTS TO DEPART. HE SAID GOR WOULD OF COURSE PREFER TO SEE EMIGRANTS FOR U.S. DEPART DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY BUT VENTURED THE OPINION THAT IF DURATION OF STAY IN, FOR EXAMPLE, ROME WAS REDUCED, THE GOR OBJECTION TO THIRD-COUNTRY PROCESSING WOULD BE COMPARABLY DIMINISHED. IF EXTENSION OF ROMANIAN EXIT VISA WOULD HELP SHORTEN THIRD-COUNTRY STOPOVER, SO MUCH THE BETTER. IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT ISSUANCE OF EXIT PERMIT WAS "DEFINITIVE" AND THEREFORE HE COULD SEE NO REASON WHY HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO EXTEND IT. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD PURSUE IDEA OF OBTAINING GOR COMMITMENT TO EXTEND PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS. IT APPEARS TO US THIS WOULD IN FACT EASE THE PRESSURE TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT QUICKLY IN SOMETIMES CUMBERSOME WAYS. INTS HAS PROMISED TO GET BACK TO RACEANU ON THIS.

4. GIFT FOR MRS. CEAUSESCU. COULD YOU SUGGEST, WITHOUT DISCUSSING WITH THE GOR, WHAT SORT OF GIFT MRS. CARTER MIGHT GIVE ELENA CEAUSESCU? NOT CLEAR THAT THERE WILL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT BE AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTS FOR THE LADIES, BUT WHITE HOUSE HAS ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS. VANCE

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